

**Community Forums**  
**Round #4**  
**Public Safety: Law & Justice**

Answer Column

**O P I N I O N N A I R E<sup>®</sup> S U R V E Y**

Dear *Citizen Councilor* of King County,

**Thank you for sharing your opinions!** By answering this anonymous survey you communicate your specific opinions to the top elected officials of King County, your fellow *Citizen Councilors*, and the general public.

There are three kinds of questions.

The **Demographic Questions** ask general questions about you. These questions help us better understand how different categories of participants feel about different issues.

The **Topic Questions** are next. They make up most of this survey.

The **Process Questions** are last. Your answers to these questions will help select the topic for future rounds of *Countywide Community Forums*, and help us improve the process.

**Please circle your answer to each question twice: once in the main body of the *Opinionnaire*<sup>®</sup> survey and once again in the ANSWER COLUMN** on the right side of each page. After you're done, please separate the ANSWER COLUMN from the *Opinionnaire*<sup>®</sup> by carefully folding and then separating it along the vertical perforation line. If you need help with this, please ask your host. Your host will return all of the ANSWER COLUMNS to us for tabulation.

**After separating the ANSWER COLUMN and giving it to your host, you are welcome to take the *Opinionnaire*<sup>®</sup> survey home with you.** If you save it, you will be able to compare your answers with the answers given by other *Citizen Councilors* when all of the *Opinionnaires*<sup>®</sup> from all of the small groups have been tabulated and posted on the Auditor's website.

Thanks again for sharing your opinions as an official *Citizen Councilor*!

*The Countywide Community Forums team*

## DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

**(D-1)** Over your lifetime, how long have you **lived or worked in King County?**

1. Less than 1 year
2. 1-5 years      3. 6-10 years
4. 11-19 years    5. 20 years or more

**(1)** 1 2 3 4 5

**(D-2)** What is your **Gender?**

1. Male      2. Female

**(2)** 1 2

**(D-3)** What is your **Age Range?**

1. 10-19 years    2. 20-29 years      3. 30-39 years
4. 40-49 years    5. 50-59 years      6. 60-69 years
7. 70-79 years    8. 80 years or older

**(3)** 1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8

**(D-4)** What is your primary **Racial or Ethnic Heritage?**

1. American Indian or Alaska Native (non-Hispanic)
2. Asian (non-Hispanic)
3. Black or African American (non-Hispanic)
4. Hispanic or Latino/Latina
5. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)
6. White or Caucasian (non-Hispanic)
7. Blended Racial Heritage (non-Hispanic)
8. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)

**(4)** 1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8

**(D-5)** What is your primary **Employment Status?**

1. Self-Employed or Business Owner
2. Work for any For-Profit Business
3. Work for any Non-Profit Organization
4. Work for any City Government
5. Work for any County Government
6. Work for WA State, Federal or Tribal Government
7. Work for any Educational Institution
8. Student
9. Unemployed and seeking work
10. Homemaker, Volunteer, Retired, Disabled, or otherwise not employed

**(5)** 1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8 9 10

**(D-6)** What is the highest level of **Education** you have completed?

1. Grades 1-8
2. Some High School
3. High School graduate (including GED)
4. Some College or Technical School
5. Technical School graduate or Two-year College graduate
6. Four-year College graduate
7. Some Postgraduate Education
8. Postgraduate Degree (Masters, Ph.D., M.D., J.D., etc.)

**(6)** 1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8

**(D-7)** What is your primary **Household Family** Description?

1. Single Parent with children
2. Dual Parent with children
3. Extended Family sharing one home
4. Single-person household
5. Living with a Roommate or Roommates
6. Living with a Spouse or Companion
7. Homeless with or without children or other family
8. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)

**(7)** 1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8

**(D-8)** Have you ever testified at a King County public hearing or Town Hall meeting?

1. Yes
2. No

**(8)** 1 2

**(D-9)** Please indicate whether you have ever been a crime victim, and if so, whether it was a property crime, a violent crime, or something else.

1. I have never been a crime victim.
2. I have been a victim of one or more property crimes.
3. I have been a victim of one or more violent crimes.
4. I have been a victim of both property and violent crimes.
5. I have been a crime victim, but it wasn't a property crime or a violent crime.

**(9)** 1 2 3 4 5

**(D-10)** Please indicate whether you know someone who has ever been arrested, jailed or convicted in **King County**.

1. No.
2. Yes, arrested but not jailed or convicted.
3. Yes, arrested and jailed, but not convicted.
4. Yes, arrested and convicted, but not jailed.
5. Yes, arrested, jailed and convicted.

**(10)** 1 2 3 4 5

**(D-11)** If you live in King County, **who is your King County Councilmember?** (Your host has a map showing the nine council districts for your reference. It's also on your voter registration card)

**(11)** 1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8 9 10

1. Bob Ferguson (district #1)
2. Larry Gossett (district #2)
3. Kathy Lambert (district #3)
4. Larry Phillips (district #4)
5. Julia Patterson (district #5)
6. Jane Hague (district #6)
7. Pete von Reichbauer (district #7)
8. Dow Constantine (district #8)
9. Reagan Dunn (district #9)
10. I work in King County but live elsewhere

**(D-12 & 13):** Please indicate whether you live in unincorporated King County, or in one of King County's 39 cities (if you live outside of King County, but work in King County, please leave this question blank)

**(12 & 13)** ☐ ☐

Unincorporated King County <b>(00)</b>	Lake Forest Park ..... <b>(20)</b>
Algona ..... <b>(01)</b>	Maple Valley ..... <b>(21)</b>
Auburn ..... <b>(02)</b>	Medina ..... <b>(22)</b>
Beaux Arts Village ..... <b>(03)</b>	Mercer Island ..... <b>(23)</b>
Bellevue ..... <b>(04)</b>	Milton ..... <b>(24)</b>
Black Diamond ..... <b>(05)</b>	Newcastle ..... <b>(25)</b>
Bothell ..... <b>(06)</b>	Normandy Park ..... <b>(26)</b>
Burien ..... <b>(07)</b>	North Bend ..... <b>(27)</b>
Carnation ..... <b>(08)</b>	Pacific ..... <b>(28)</b>
Clyde Hill ..... <b>(09)</b>	Redmond ..... <b>(29)</b>
Covington ..... <b>(10)</b>	Renton ..... <b>(30)</b>
Des Moines ..... <b>(11)</b>	Sammamish ..... <b>(31)</b>
Duvall ..... <b>(12)</b>	SeaTac ..... <b>(32)</b>
Enumclaw ..... <b>(13)</b>	Seattle ..... <b>(33)</b>
Federal Way ..... <b>(14)</b>	Shoreline ..... <b>(34)</b>
Hunts Point ..... <b>(15)</b>	Skykomish ..... <b>(35)</b>
Issaquah ..... <b>(16)</b>	Snoqualmie ..... <b>(36)</b>
Kenmore ..... <b>(17)</b>	Tukwila ..... <b>(37)</b>
Kent ..... <b>(18)</b>	Woodinville ..... <b>(38)</b>
Kirkland ..... <b>(19)</b>	Yarrow Point ..... <b>(39)</b>

## TOPIC QUESTIONS

For each of these topic questions, please indicate your **ONE BEST CHOICE** in the ANSWER COLUMN on the right side of this page.

Choose **ABSTAIN** if you don't feel you have enough information at this time to select one of the other choices.

Choose **OBJECT** if you feel the question is poorly written or misleading.

If you choose "**other**" please "write in" your particular answer in the ANSWER COLUMN.

NOTE: These questions were prepared by the *Countywide Community Forum's* volunteer staff after receiving input from *Citizen Councilors*, Public Officials, and their staffs. **More than 50 Citizen Councilors also participated in a collaborative dialogue process facilitated by [CivicEvolution.org](http://CivicEvolution.org) to develop subtopics and questions.** THANK YOU to everyone who participated! The entire process has been overseen by the King County Auditor's office to ensure, as far as possible, that all questions are fair and evenhanded.

**(T-1)** *In general, which **ONE** of the following approaches to lowering crime rates in King County comes closest to your own view?*

**(1)** 1 2 3  
Abstain Object

1. More money and/or effort should go into **addressing the social and economic problems** that can lead to crime through better education and job training.
2. More money and/or effort should go to **incarcerating repeat offenders and deterring new offenders** by improving law enforcement with more jails, police and judges.
3. Public safety is best achieved by using **both of the previous approaches**, taking into account circumstances, such as the offenders socio-economic status, whether drug/alcohol addiction or mental illness is involved, whether the crime is a violent crime or a property crime, the severity of the crime and the number of victims.

Abstain Object

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**(T-2)** According to statistics compiled by the State Office of Financial Management, the rate for violent crimes in King County has gone down significantly from 716 crimes per 100,000 persons in 1990 to 371 per 100,000 in 2007. National, state, and local figures show similar trends (see background information materials). Experts are divided about the reasons for this long-term decrease. *Do you believe that it owes most to:*

**(2)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

1. More cops on the street.
2. Better awareness and more effective involvement by communities.
3. Prevention programs are bearing fruits.
4. More criminals behind bars mean fewer criminals on the streets.
5. Other (Please specify in the Answer Column)

Abstain Object

**(T-3)** *Are there enough police or sheriff officers patrolling where you live and work?*

**(3)** 1 2  
Abstain Object

1. Yes 2. No

Abstain Object

**(T-4)** Public education is the "paramount duty" of the State of Washington. *Should Public Safety be "the paramount duty of county government", when considering other county responsibilities such as elections, public health, transit, and parks?*

**(4)** 1 2  
Abstain Object

1. Yes 2. No

Abstain Object

**Your General View of King County's Law & Justice System**

(T-5 to T-12): Thinking about the "Law & Justice" services provided by King County, please rate your overall level of satisfaction and your views on the importance of the different agencies to you and to your community.

[NOTE: These are "value scale" statements. Please choose "1" for "Very Satisfied/Important", **choose "3" for "Neutral"**, choose "5" for "Very Dissatisfied/Unimportant", and choose 2 or 4 for something in between.]

**(T-5)** *How important to you and your community is the **King County Sheriff's Office**?*

**(5)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

Very Important: 1 2 3 4 5 :Very Unimportant Abstain Object

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**(T-6)** How satisfied overall are you with the **King County Sheriff's Office?**

Very Satisfied: 1 2 3 4 5 :Very Dissatisfied Abstain Object

**(6)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-7)** How important to you and your community is the **King County Prosecutor's Office?**

Very Important: 1 2 3 4 5 :Very Unimportant Abstain Object

**(7)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-8)** How satisfied overall are you with the **King County Prosecutor's Office?**

Very Satisfied: 1 2 3 4 5 :Very Dissatisfied Abstain Object

**(8)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-9)** How important to you and your community is the **King County Superior Court?**

Very Important: 1 2 3 4 5 :Very Unimportant Abstain Object

**(9)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-10)** How satisfied overall are you with the **King County Superior Court?**

Very Satisfied: 1 2 3 4 5 :Very Dissatisfied Abstain Object

**(10)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-11)** How important to you and your community is the **King County District Court?**

Very Important: 1 2 3 4 5 :Very Unimportant Abstain Object

**(11)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-12)** How satisfied overall are you with the **King County District Court?**

Very Satisfied: 1 2 3 4 5 :Very Dissatisfied Abstain Object

**(12)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**Improving Law & Justice in King County**

(T-13 through T-22): Please prioritize the following Law & Justice priorities by using a scale where 1 means "Top Priority", 2 means "high priority", **3 means "Medium Priority"**, 4 means "low priority", and 5 means "Bottom Priority".

**(T-13)** Arresting and incarcerating violent criminals.

Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object

**(13)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-14)** Arresting and incarcerating other criminals.

Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object

**(14)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-15)** Treatment for drug addicts who commit crimes.

Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object

**(15)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object



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**(T-16)** *Treatment for people with a mental illness who commit crimes.*  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object

**(16)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-17)** *Crime prevention programs for at-risk youth.*  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object

**(17)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-18)** *Programs that address drug/alcohol addiction in cases where there is a connection between the addiction and criminal activity.*  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object

**(18)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-19)** *Programs that address mental illness in cases where there is a connection between mental illness and criminal activity.*  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object

**(19)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-20)** *Programs that address homelessness in cases where there is a connection between homelessness and criminal activity (for example, registered sex offenders who are homeless).*  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object

**(20)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-21)** *Programs that address disproportional racial impacts in arrests, convictions and imprisonments?*  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object

**(21)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-22)** Some other priority? (Please specify in Answer Column)  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object

**(22)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

(T-23 through T-35): Indicate whether the following Law & Justice areas should be getting more or less attention, where more attention can mean more funding, allocation of more resources and/or changes to current law, by using a scale where 1 means "Much More Attention", 2 means "more attention", **3 means "no changes from what is currently being done"**, 4 means "less attention" and 5 means "Much Less Attention".

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**(T-23)** *Violent crimes (excluding domestic violence)*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 :Much Less Atten Abstain Object

**(23)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(T-24)** *Domestic Violence (violence among family members)*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 :Much Less Atten Abstain Object

**(24)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object



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- (T-25) *Car theft*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 : Much Less Atten Abstain Object
- (T-26) *Burglaries*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 : Much Less Atten Abstain Object
- (T-27) *Driving Under the Influence (DUI)*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 : Much Less Atten Abstain Object
- (T-28) *Gang activity*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 : Much Less Atten Abstain Object
- (T-29) *Identity theft*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 : Much Less Atten Abstain Object
- (T-30) *Prostitution*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 : Much Less Atten Abstain Object
- (T-31) *Vandalism/Graffiti*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 : Much Less Atten Abstain Object
- (T-32) *Aggressive Panhandling*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 : Much Less Atten Abstain Object
- (T-33) *Dangerous and vicious dogs*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 : Much Less Atten Abstain Object
- (T-34) *Meth labs (methamphetamines laboratories)*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 : Much Less Atten Abstain Object
- (T-35) *Other crimes? (Please Specify in the Answer Column)*  
Much More Atten: 1 2 3 4 5 : Much Less Atten Abstain Object

- (25) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object
- (26) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object
- (27) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object
- (28) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object
- (29) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object
- (30) 1 2 3 4 5  
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- (31) 1 2 3 4 5  
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- (32) 1 2 3 4 5  
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- (34) 1 2 3 4 5  
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- (35) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object
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**Drugs and Mental Illness**

- (T-36) *Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is possessing marijuana?*  
1. Yes, but only for amounts of less than an ounce.  
2. Yes, for any amount.  
3. No, not for any amount. Abstain Object

- (36) 1 2 3  
Abstain Object

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Answer Column

**(T-37)** Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is **selling** marijuana to other adults?

1. Yes, but only for amounts of less than an ounce.

2. Yes, for any amount.

3. No, not for any amount.

Abstain Object

**(37)** 1 2 3  
Abstain Object

**(T-38)** Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is **possessing** cocaine or heroin or methamphetamines ("meth"), LSD or other "hard" drugs?

1. Yes, but only for a small (personal) amount.

2. Yes, for any amount.

3. No, not for any amount.

Abstain Object

**(38)** 1 2 3  
Abstain Object

**(T-39)** Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is **selling** cocaine or heroin or methamphetamines ("meth"), LSD or other "hard" drugs to other adults?

1. Yes, but only for a small (personal) amount.

2. Yes, for any amount.

3. No, not for any amount.

Abstain Object

**(39)** 1 2 3  
Abstain Object

**(T-40)** Should a drug addict, arrested for a **nonviolent** crime, be given the option of successfully completing a comprehensive drug treatment program instead of jail?

1. Yes, but only for the first time.

2. Yes, but only for the first and second time.

3. No, never. If there is effective treatment, it should be given to the addict while he or she is in jail.

Abstain Object

**(40)** 1 2 3  
Abstain Object

**(T-41)** Should the state **legalize and tax** the sale, possession and use of small amounts of marijuana, in a manner similar to that of alcohol?

1. Yes 2. No

Abstain Object

**(41)** 1 2  
Abstain Object

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Based on arrests, the enforcement emphasis in King County has been on catching drug "sellers" rather than "buyers". One unintended consequence is that while the sellers in most drug markets are disproportionately people of color, the buyers are more racially diverse, and for some drugs are predominantly white, leading to disproportionately higher levels of incarceration among people of color.

**(T-42)** *Should the County's enforcement focus be on the "sellers" or on the "buyers" in the illegal drug market?*

1. Enforcement should focus on "sellers".
2. Enforcement should focus on "buyers".
3. Enforcement should focus equally on both.
4. Enforcement should not focus on either "sellers" or "buyers".
5. Other (Please specify in the Answer Column)

Abstain      Object

**(42)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain      Object

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**(T-43)** Which **ONE** of the following choices most closely matches your response to the statement, **"I believe that most convicted drug addicts will be motivated to complete a drug treatment program successfully if they are facing an alternative of :"**

1. Jail time up to half as long as the treatment duration.
2. Jail time as long as the treatment duration.
3. Jail time 50% longer than the treatment duration.
4. Jail time twice as long as the treatment duration.
5. The threat of jail or prison time is irrelevant to treating drug addicts.

Abstain      Object

**(43)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain      Object

**(T-44)** As was stated in the video, King County jail is currently the largest facility for people with a mental illness in King County and the second largest in Washington State. Which **ONE** of the following choices comes closest to your opinion on this matter?

1. People with a mental illness **should be incarcerated** if they commit crimes just as any other person would. If they need treatment, they should be treated in jail.
2. People with a mental illness **do not belong in jail for any crime** (including violent crimes) and should be offered treatment in an institutional setting.
3. People with a mental illness **do not belong in jail for nonviolent crimes** and should be offered treatment in an institutional setting.
4. Other (Please specify in the Answer Column)

Abstain      Object

**(44)** 1 2 3 4  
Abstain      Object

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**(T-45)** *Do you believe that programs such as the "1811 Eastlake House" (discussed in the video and background materials), that houses alcohol addicts and encourages rather than requires them to change their behavior but saves money and reduces strain on overall Law and Justice and Human Services resources, are a good use of taxpayer money?*

1. Yes    2. No    Abstain    Object

**(45)** 1    2  
Abstain    Object

**Car Theft**

**(T-46)** *Do you consider car theft (stealing an unoccupied car) a serious crime?*

1. Yes    2. No    Abstain    Object

**(46)** 1    2  
Abstain    Object

In 2005, the King County Prosecutor helped persuade the Washington Legislature to increase the penalties for car theft. Before 2005, a person had to be convicted of car theft 7 times before they would receive 6 months in jail. After 2005, a person could be sentenced to 17 months in jail upon the third conviction. The King County Prosecutor made prosecuting car theft a top priority. Since these changes in 2005, the number of cars stolen in King County has declined by 60%.

**(T-47)** *Do you approve the actions taken by the King County Prosecutor since 2005 to reduce the number of cars stolen in King County?*

1. Yes    2. No    Abstain    Object

**(47)** 1    2  
Abstain    Object

**Driving Under the Influence (DUI)**

**(T-48)** *At what point should driving under the influence (DUI) be a felony crime (punishable by more than one year in prison)?*

1. If the accused has already been convicted of at least five DUI's in the previous ten years (THIS IS THE CURRENT LAW).
  2. If the accused has been convicted of at least four DUI's in the previous ten years.
  3. If the accused has been convicted of at least three DUI's in the previous ten years.
  4. If the accused has been convicted of at least two DUI's in the previous ten years.
  5. Never.
- Abstain    Object

**(48)** 1    2    3    4    5  
Abstain    Object

### Juvenile Justice & Gang Violence

According to several studies, high school dropouts are three and one-half times more likely than high school graduates to be arrested, and more than eight times as likely to be incarcerated. Nationwide, 68 percent of state prison inmates have not received a high school diploma. Although school districts do have a financial incentive to keep students enrolled, there are no financial incentives for attendance or graduation.

**(T-49)** *Do you believe that state law should be changed to incentivize school districts to increase attendance and graduation rates based on uniform statewide attendance and graduation criteria?*

**(49)** 1 2  
Abstain Object

1. Yes 2. No Abstain Object

**(T-50)** Juvenile offenders who are caught solely possessing a firearm illegally can only be charged in Juvenile Court. Currently, it takes four prior felony convictions before a juvenile convicted of illegal gun possession can be sentenced to a state-run detention facility for greater than 30 days. Until then, they can receive no more than 30 days in King County's detention facility or on electronic home detention. Some of these offenders receive deferred sentences that can be "wiped" from their record if they successfully complete probation and other conditions set by the court. Which **ONE** of the following choices comes closest to your opinion on this matter?

**(50)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

1. Juveniles convicted of illegally possessing a firearm should be sent to a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days, regardless of whether they have been previously convicted for any crime.
2. Juvenile offenders that have been **previously** convicted of **any crime** should serve time in a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days if they are caught with a firearm.
3. Juvenile offenders that have been **previously** convicted of a **felony crime** should serve time in a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days if they are caught with a firearm.
4. Juvenile offenders that have been **previously** convicted of **at least four felony crimes** should serve time in a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days if they are caught with a firearm (THIS IS THE CURRENT LAW).
5. Illegal firearm possession by a juvenile, by itself, **should never result in incarceration.**

Abstain Object

**Sex Offenders**

**(T-51)** *What is closest to your view about current Washington State laws regarding the registration and community notification of sex offenders?*

1. They offer adequate protection to the public.
2. They don't go far enough to protect the public.
3. They go too far by making it virtually impossible for sex offenders who have served their prison time to live and work, resulting in homeless sex offenders who pose a greater risk to re-offend.
4. Other (Please specify in the Answer Column)

Abstain      Object

**(51)** 1   2   3   4  
Abstain      Object

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**Budget Priorities**

**(T-52)** *Given the pressure on King County budget detailed in the video and on page 3 of the background information materials, should the Law & Justice programs funded by the General Fund:*

1. Be protected from budget cuts in 2010 and 2011, resulting in even greater reductions in other General Fund programs.
2. Receive lower percentage cuts than other General Fund programs in 2010 and 2011.
3. Receive the same percentage cuts as other General Fund programs in 2010 and 2011.
4. Receive larger percentage cuts than other General Fund programs in 2010 and 2011.
5. Other (Please specify in the Answer Column)

Abstain      Object

**(52)** 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object

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If more budget cuts are required of the Law and Justice agencies in the 2010 and 2011 budget cycles, where would you suggest those cuts be made? (Please note that the following ideas are not necessarily under consideration by County officials):

(T-53 to T-59): Please prioritize the following possible Law & Justice actions by using a scale where 1 means "Top Priority", 2 means "high priority", **3 means "Medium Priority"**, 4 means "low priority", and 5 means "Bottom Priority".

**(T-53)** *Cutting Law & Justice employee positions.*

Top Priority: 1   2   3   4   5 : Bottom Priority      Abstain      Object

**(53)** 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object

**(T-54)** *Reduction in Law & Justice employee benefits.*

Top Priority: 1   2   3   4   5 : Bottom Priority      Abstain      Object

**(54)** 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object



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- (T-55)** *Instituting unpaid furlough days for employees.*  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object
- (T-56)** *Decreasing officer response time and/or effort.*  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object
- (T-57)** *Raising minimum levels at which crimes are prosecuted.*  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object
- (T-58)** *Providing less Law & Justice services to cities.*  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object
- (T-59)** *Other actions? (Please specify in the Answer Column)*  
Top Priority: 1 2 3 4 5 :Bottom Priority Abstain Object

**(55)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(56)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(57)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(58)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

**(59)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

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**PROCESS QUESTIONS**

Please help choose future topics for the *Countywide Community Forums*, and help evaluate and improve the process you have just experienced, by answering the following process questions.

- (P-1)** *What topic would you like to discuss in future Countywide Community Forums?*
1. A specific aspect of the Law & Justice system, such as the Sheriff's Office, the Prosecutor's Office, the Public Defender's Office; the Superior Courts, the District Courts, the King County Jail, or something else (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN).
  2. Environmental protection in King County
  3. Tax Reform in King County
  4. Homelessness in King County
  5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)

Abstain Object

**(P1)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

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**Answer Column**

**(P-2)** *Did you previously participate in Rounds 1, 2 or 3 of the Countywide Community Forums? Round 1 was on the topic of Transportation in June/July 2008; Round 2 was on the King County Budget in February/March 2009; and Round 3 was on Strategic Planning in June/July 2009.*

1. Yes, all three rounds.
2. Yes, one or two of the three previous rounds.
3. No, I only recently found out about the forums.
4. No, I knew about the forums before, but was not interested in the previous topics.
5. No, I wanted to attend before, but was not able to.

Abstain      Object

**(P2)** 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object

**(P-3)** *How do you rate the information presented in the 30-minute "**Public Safety: Law & Justice**" video?*

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair or average
4. Poor
5. Very poor

Abstain      Object

**(P3)** 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object

**(P-4)** *In general, do you think the 30-minute "**Public Safety: Law & Justice**" video was fair and evenhanded?*

1. Very fair and evenhanded
2. Somewhat fair and evenhanded
3. Somewhat biased
4. Very biased
5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)

Abstain      Object

**(P4)** 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object

**(P-5)** *In general, do you think the length of the 30-minute "**Public Safety: Law & Justice**" video was:*

1. About right
2. Long but OK
3. Too long
4. Too short
5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)

Abstain      Object

**(P5)** 1   2   3   4   5  
Abstain      Object

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Answer Column

(P-6) In general, do you think that this Opinionnaire® survey on the topic of "**Public Safety: Law & Justice**" was **fair and evenhanded?**

1. Very fair and evenhanded
2. Somewhat fair and evenhanded
3. Somewhat biased
4. Very biased
5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)

Abstain Object

(P6) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

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(P-7) How well did the questions in this Opinionnaire® survey address the topic of "**Public Safety: Law & Justice**"?

1. All major issues were covered
2. Most major issues were covered
3. Most major issues were not covered
4. None of the major issues were covered
5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)

Abstain Object

(P7) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

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(P-8) Do you think the length of this Opinionnaire® survey was:

1. About right
2. Long but OK
3. Too long
4. Too short
5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)

Abstain Object

(P8) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

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(P-9) How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following value statement, "**I feel better informed on the topic of Law and Justice in King County as a result of watching the video and reading the background materials.**"

Strongly Agree: 1 2 3 4 5 :Strongly Disagree Abstain Object

(P9) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

(P-10) How positively or negatively has your participation in the Countywide Community Forums changed your perception about whether King County government listens to your opinions?

Very Positively: 1 2 3 4 5 :Very Negatively Abstain Object

(P10) 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

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**Answer Column**

**(P-11)** *Did participating in the discussion today with your fellow Citizen Councilors make a difference on how you view the topic?*

**(P11)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

1. Yes, talking about the topic at today's forum helped me see other perspectives, and I responded differently than I would have before this meeting on some questions because of the new perspective I now have.
2. Yes, talking about the topic at today's forum helped me see other perspectives but did not change how I responded on any of the questions.
3. No, I really did not learn anything new on the topic at today's forum because everyone agreed on all of the issues.
4. No, I really did not learn anything new on the topic at today's forum because I disagreed with the view of the other citizen councilors.
5. No, I really did not learn anything new on the topic from today's forum because we never really talked about the topic.

Abstain Object

**(P-12)** How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following value statement, **"Overall, I believe the Countywide Community Forums are on the right track."**

**(P12)** 1 2 3 4 5  
Abstain Object

Strongly Agree: 1 2 3 4 5 :Strongly Disagree Abstain Object

**IF YOU THINK ANY MAJOR ISSUES WERE MISSED, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE WRITE THEM IN THE ANSWER COLUMN.**

**Before detaching and returning the right column of this document, please make sure that all your responses are checked in the answer column for each page of this survey.**

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Answer Column

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